

**What is the size of the land for sale?**

About 390,000 acres that span across 10 counties stretching from Tahquamenon Falls to the Porcupine Mountains.

**What is the monetary value of this land?**

According to the July 26 article in the *Detroit Free Press*, estimates start at \$150 million or more.

**Why does the Kamehameha Schools in Hawaii own land in Michigan's U.P.?**

Since 1994, the entire 390,000 has been owned by the Kamehameha Schools (KS), a Hawaiian trust founded to benefit native Hawaiian children. The trust was originally a partner in owning the land with Benson Forests.

**What's the solution for the state?**

The state is working with The Nature Conservancy on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to keep this land as a working forest with roughly 90% of it remaining in private ownership providing jobs and taxes to local communities. Our solution will also ensure public access for recreational activities while keeping our UP forests and rivers healthy and vibrant.

**What is the state and The Nature Conservancy trying to get out of this?**

We'd like this land to look very much like it is today in the future - with more than 90% of it as a working forest that provides jobs and taxes to local communities, offers recreational opportunities through public access and serves as an important wildlife corridor that helps keep our UP forests and rivers healthy and vibrant.

**Are you going to make this land a state or national park?**

At least 90% of the land will be kept in private ownership and paying local property taxes.

**How can the state afford to do this?**

The state can't afford not to do this. If this land were fragmented and the land goes out of timber production, it could hurt the timber industry and all of its jobs, the tourism and recreational value of the U.P. and the healthy forests, rivers and lakes within this landscape.

**Have you committed funds to this project?**

The Nature Conservancy is committing to working with the state of Michigan on this project with the full resources and capacity that both entities can offer. We can't afford not to do this—it's too important to the U.P.

**How will this help UP counties financially?**

The timber industry brings \$3.5 billion per year and 10,000 jobs to the U.P. We want that to continue. In addition, tourism on those forest lands produces another \$5 billion and 40,000 jobs for Michigan. We want that to continue as well.

**Will any of the land be allowed to be developed under your plan?**

We're talking about a sustainable development solution which is focused on forestry. If the land also contains non-forest assets, it is possible some of those could be developed.

**Why involve The Nature Conservancy?**

It's important that the State of Michigan find a solution to this property that protects it as a timber resource for future jobs, for public access and recreational opportunities and to keep the healthy forests, rivers and lakes intact. The Nature Conservancy is committed to supporting the Governor with its full resources, skills and expertise.

**Wouldn't it be better for the U.P. economy if it were developed?**

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to protect the U.P.'s economic base of timber and outdoor recreation and to preserve the U.P.'s natural heritage. There is no better solution.

**How would development impact hunters, snowmobilers and other outdoor enthusiasts?**

If this land is fragmented by the next owner, snowmobile trails could be broken up, hunters and fishers could lose access to thousands of acres, and most importantly, there could be an enormous disruption of up to 20 miles of rivers, 160 inland lakes and hundreds of thousands of acres that support a diversity of wildlife that attracts outdoor enthusiasts to the U.P.

**What is a working forest easement?**

A working forest conservation easement would:

- Restrict the subdivision and development of land under easement;
- Allow for sustainably managed forestry;
- Maintain private ownership;
- Run with the land deed in perpetuity.